Offstein, Dennis (aka O'Brien) conversation with Steve Hammell, WPEZ (Pittsburgh) newsman 12.27.7

Hammell and Offstein have been good friends since they worked together as reporters in Georgia, probably said Augusta. He has hours of Offstein on tape but said he is certain that some of what Offstein said is lies.

Says Bob Smith says that newly-released material shows Offstein probably military intelligence connected, possibly while with Jaggers-Chiles-Stovall.

Offstein said everyone there supposed to have security clearance because of the nature of the work, LHO did not have a security check, and he did, at least one Saturday, work on security material.

When Offstein wanted to associate with LHO he checked with security people and got permission. So, Jaggers would seem to have had to know all about LHO and the Commission would seem to have had to know better than it had said. And nobody was in doubt about LHO.

Offstein uses the name O'Brien.

If Jaggers' security checking was by military and LHO had job despite lack of it, then there is a fair inference that the FBI went out of its way to make the arrangements. It is not likely that Jaggers would run the risk of having a non-security employee when it was supposed to have all okayed. And there was no special skill he had that persuaded the hiring of LHO.

Steve says Bob says there is at least an inference that Offstein was himself filing reports with the military.